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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Cudaback, I like broccoli and I'm not sure that I'm going to join the stampede here. I'm afraid that in our rush we are going to do something that we will later regret. As I understand it, the Rural Development Commission did not receive notice of its demise until about ten minutes before the press was told that it was in the Governor's budget cuts. I think that is the wrong way to proceed. There should be notice to the people who are affected. There should be public hearings. There should be an ongoing process, examination of government agencies, and we shouldn't do anything untoward. I was on board yesterday on voting for the revenue bill so I feel comfortable talking about this issue. Now, I know there are some people in this room who didn't and who are not getting up and talking yet. I presume that they will at some point, but I would just say to them you do have...you can't have it both ways. You've got to be willing to get up to the plate with everybody else. I want to tell you that this commission was formed by executive order back in 1990, and then, in 1998, we had a huge fight on this floor about putting it into statute. That was in 1998, and it went on and on and on, and finally the Legislature voted to pass the bill and to leave it in position. Why? Because the Rural Development Commission was doing some very effective things throughout the state. I talked to the staff out in the lobby just before we came in here today and I asked them if they had had a big increase since they had been instituted, and the answer is maybe yes, if you start at the very, very beginning, but since the agency has been statutory they have actually lost one staff member. They have had some cuts. So I don't think that they have been an agency that has wildly spent money and, in fact, they have been an umbrella for a whole lot of programs and a whole lot of organizations throughout Nebraska. What's going to happen to all the rest of those programs and agencies if we don't keep the Rural Development Commission? Now I know that I'm probably swimming against the tide here. I keep using all these metaphors and they don't, any of them, go together, but I really encourage you to think about what we're doing here. Do we just blindly rush into these things and do them all? And, Senator Wehrbein, I don't think the committee blindly did some of these things. I don't mean to imply that at all. You did what you had to do last night. But if you stop and think about